

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0030] It is preferable to carry an oxide catalyst at least in the vicinity of the slits. By a catalyst function of the ~~oxide-oxidation~~ catalyst, the particulates deposited in the catalyst carrying portion burn at a temperature (e.g., about 350°C) lower than a usual burning temperature (about 550°C), the ashes can more easily be discharged. Examples of the preferable ~~oxide-oxidation~~ catalyst include Pt, Pd, Rh.

Please replace paragraph [0043] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0043] The DPF was mounted in the exhaust system of a common rail type direct-injection in-line four-cylinder diesel engine having a displacement of 2000 cc to repeatedly carry out the trapping/collecting of the particulates and the regenerating. It is to be noted that in the regeneration of the DPF, the fuel injected into an engine combustion chamber by post injection is burnt by a honeycomb ~~oxide-oxidation~~ catalyst disposed in DPF upstream, and the particulates deposited in the DPF are burnt by a generated heat.